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Edinburgh, Thurſday, December 1, 1726.

From the St. James's Evening Poſt, Nov. 24.

Rome, Nov. 9.

LAſt Thurſday-morning the Pope went to the new Hoſpital of St. Gallican, where all the Curates had been ſummoned to appear in their Gowns and white Stoles, and he preached to them above an Hour upon the Obligation of praying for the Dead, and upon the ancient Uſage of the Church to bury the Dead not in Churches, but in Church yards. He ſaid a great deal upon the Ceremonies relating to Burials, and proved, that the Non-obſervance of them was a mortal Sin, according to the Doctrine of St. Thomas and the other holy Fathers, confirmed by the Authority of Councils. Letters of Auguſt 1, from China ſay, that the famous Temple of Confucius has been conſumed by Lightning, together with the Tomb of that Prophet, which has been worſhipped there above theſe 2000 Years, and all the ineſtimable Treaſure therein conſumed. They add, that on the 16th of July there was ſeen in the Air in the Province of Hamkin, a white Croſs ſeeming to be 20 Ells in Length, pointing from Eaſt to Weſt, together with a Chalice, over which were 3 Nails; and that this Phænomenon appeared directly over the Temple of the Bleſſed Virgin in the City of Lon Hian, built by the Illuſtrious Family of Toy. This News very much rejoices this Court, who think it a Token that Idolatry will ſoon be deſtroyed in that Country.

From the Daily Journal, Nov. 23.

Venice, Nov. 16. All our Men of War are now in the Arſenal, where they are hard at Work in getting them ready for Service: Two are already got out, and are now in the great Canal ready upon any emergent Occaſion. 'Tis not in the leaſt doubted but that the French Ambaſſador, who is much careſſed here, will engage this Republick to accede to the Treaty of Hanover, notwithſtanding the advantageous Offers of his Imperial Majeſty. Five Men of War are ſent to the Archipelago, to convoy home our Merchant-ſhips.

Hague, Nov. 24. Upon the ſeveral Repreſentations extraordinary made to their High Mightineſſes, upon the Subject of the Augmentation of their Forces; ſetting forth the Neceſſity thereof ſince their engaging into the Treaty of Hanover, and that the ſame would prove of great Safety to theſe Provinces: The ſaid Augmentation is ordered, and 'tis ſaid the ſame will render our Forces to about 53,000 Men.

Antwerp, Nov. 25. They write from Vienna, that the Contagion ſtill made great Havock at Adrianople and in ſome other Towns in Turkey; and that all the Letters received on the Frontiers are dipped in Vinegar, to prevent that dreadful Diſtemper.

London, Nov. 23. Letters from Amſterdam adviſe, that on the 13th Inſt. a violent Storm happened at Petersburg, which raiſed the Waters to a prodigious Height, broke down ſeveral Bridges, and came into moſt Houſes, by which very great Damage was ſuſtained; That one Ship was overſet, and ſeveral drove on Shore. The ſame Letters add, that two Engliſh and one Swediſh Ship were drove on the Dragoe Sand near Copenhagen, and 'twas believed they would be loſt.

From the Evening Poſt, Nov. 24.

Hague, Nov. 29. Sigr. Olivieri, who is at preſent entruſted with the Affairs of Spain here, having communicated to ſome of our Regency a circular Letter, lately ſent by the Marquis de la Paz, to all the Foreign Miniſters reſiding at the Court of Madrid, concerning the Navigation to the Scales of the Levant, has occaſioned 2 Conferences this Week between the Miniſters of Great Britain and France, and their High Mightineſſes Committee for Foreign Affairs. The ſaid Letter is equally ſhoking to all the Three Powers in Alliance, as being too plain a Proof of the Deſign of the Court of Spain to cramp them in the Article of Trade, and to make new Infractions in the moſt ſolemn Treaties. But at the ſame time, the French have much more Reaſon to reſent ſuch Uſage, than either the Engliſh or the Dutch.

Hague, Nov. 29. Beſides the Augmentation of the Forces of this State, a Reſolution will paſs for ſit-

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ting out 12 Ships of War, beſides the 6 which were this Year in the Mediterranean under Admiral Somelſdyk; the general Inclination of theſe Provinces being to act with Vigour and Spirit in the common Cauſe.

Petersburg, Nov. 5. Major-General Gunther Commandant of Revel, has by expreſs Orders ſent 1500 Men to the Iſle of Oeland, and furniſhed them with Proviſions for the whole Winter, in order to raiſe the Fortifications marked out upon the ſame Iſland, which will prove a difficult Task, by reaſon that the Froſt is very ſevere already.

London, Nov. 24. They write from Deal November 22, that his Majeſty's Ship the Spy was come down and ſailed for the W. Indies.

S. S. Stock, 99, 1 8th.

From the Daily Journal, Nov. 24.

Rome, Nov. 9. The Differences between this Court and that of Turin, ſeem now to be fully determined; and his Holineſs has at length ordered the Brief to be diſpatched to Turin, acknowledging and inveſting his Majeſty as King of Sardinia, a new Ambaſſador is ſoon expected here from thence. The Miſunderſtanding between this Court and that of Portugal, about the Promotion of M. Bichi to the Purple, lies Dormant, though 'tis no longer doubted, but that the ſame will terminate in a good Harmony: in the mean Time four new Cardinals are prick'd down for Promotion, and among them the Governour of Rome, M. Banchieri; and 'tis ſaid his Government will be beſtowed on M. Malara, an Italian. Cardinal Cinfuegos, the Imperial Ambaſſador at this Court, has been lately preſented by a Foreign Merchant with a Wild Bull, bred in the Deſart of Æthiopia, of a very ſtrange Make and Shape, which is lookt upon as a great Rarity here; and his Excellency, as 'tis ſuppoſed, will make a Preſent thereof to his Holineſs to be put among his Rarities.

Bologna, Nov. 12. Yeſterday there was a Ball at the Palace of the Marquis de Buria, where the Chevalier de St. George and his eldeſt Son, danced till four in the Morning.

Warſaw, Nov. 15. We hear that a Tax will be laid on the Jews who live in this Kingdom; the Amount of which is to be applied towards the Charges of augmenting our Troops.

Franckfort, Nov. The French in Alſatia, continue very buſy in raiſing Recruits to complete their Troops.

Baden, Nov. 19. The Deputies of the 13 Cantons are to meet here the 22d, when they are to enter into Conference, with the Abbot de St. Blaſius the Emperor's Miniſter; but as their Inſtructions are limited, 'tis thought they cannot agree to any Thing before the Arrival of the French Ambaſſador. Troops are raiſing in theſe Cantons for the King of Sardinia.

Copenhagen, Nov. 22. His Majeſty has been pleaſed to permit the Entry of Foreign Corn into his Dominions Cuſtom Free, and to forbid receiving the new Money coined at Hamburg. They write from Norway, that they have lately found in that Kingdom new Silver Mines, and a great Number of Workmen are ordered to be employed therein.

Grodno, Nov. 10. This Day the Nuncios having joined the Senators, they terminated the Diet in a Manner not uſual, viz. in Tranquillity, after having ſate 21 Days: with which his Majeſty expreſſed himſelf to be extremely well ſatisfied.

Madrid, Nov. 19. The Marquis des los Balbaſes has ordered all their Servants and the reſt of his Equipage to be ready to depart for the Court of Liſbon on Monday next, in order to demand the Infanta of Portugal for the Prince of Aſturias.

London, Nov. 24. The Court of Pruſſia is gone into deep Mourning, for the Death of the Mother of the Queen of Pruſſia, &c.

From the Flying Poſt, Nov. 24.

Rome, Nov 9. 'Tis ſaid that in the next Promotion of Cardinals there will be five, and that Prince Emanuel of Portugal will be one. The Cardinals Gualtieri and Alberoni, are left to take Care of the Pretender's Affairs. His Lady receives Daily Viſits from ſeveral Cardinals, Princeſſes, and other Ladies of this City, who do all they can to divert her Melancholly for the Abſence of her Husband and Children. The Pretender is juſt gone out of Mourning for the Death of his Uncle in Law Prince Conſtantine Sobieski.

Stockholm, Nov. 11, The Secret Committee continue their Deliberations on the Affair of the Acceſſion to the Treaty of Hanover; and 'tis ſtill the general Belief, that the Diet will give their Conſent to it. It has been reſolved to recall the Officers and Soldiers that were diſmiſſed, and to pay them their Arrears; and 'tis aſſured that the Troops are to be augmented to the Number of 36,000 Men, including the Militia.

London, Nov. 24. Lord George, Son to the late Marquis of Annandale, who was lately ſeized with the

the Small Pox in a natural Way, is in a fair Way of Recovery.

From the London Gazette, Nov. 22.

Madrid, Nov. 11. A Council is formed here by the Name of the *Junta di Savidad*, conſiſting of four Counſellors, who are to give Directions for preſerving the Spaniſh Dominions from the Plague, now raging in the Levant; and to inſpect, and to judge of all Diſputes that may happen on that Head in the Trade with Spain. His Catholick Majeſty has ordered ſeveral Regulations to be obſerved for the Admiſſion of Ships of all Nations into the Ports of his Dominions: And no Ship is to be admitted from the Levant, without performing Quarentain, or bringing proper Certificates of having made it in ſome Part of the Mediterranean; and all Goods of any Manufacture or Product of the Provinces in the Levant, are forbid Entrance. In the ſame Order, 'tis ſaid, that the King of Spain having been informed that no Precautions are uſed in Great Britain, France and Holland, to prevent the Plague, he will abſolutely prohibite all Trade with theſe Powers, if he has any Proof of their admitting Ships or Goods from the Levant.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Nov. 26.

Since our laſt arrived a French and Holland Mail.

LEtters from Conſtantinople of the 8th paſt ſay, that the Plague ſtill rages there; That the Grand Signor had not been out of his Apartment for 6 Weeks, and that the Foreign Miniſters who had retired a Leagne from thence, were obliged to ſend their Commiſſions in Writing to the Grand Vizier, who ſends them his Anſwers in the ſame Manner. They add, that the Contagion is even ſpread to Niſſa and other Frontier Places.

His Catholick Majeſty has diſpatched an Expreſs with an Account of a Reſolution he had taken by Way of Precaution for preventing the Plague, particularly in denying his Harbours to the Ships of all Foreign Nations, which trade ſtill to the Harbours of the Levant. Mean Time he ſhews no Diſpoſition to accept of the Meaſures propoſed by the Allies of Hanover for preſerving Peace, but to our great Surprize, we are told he is carrying on his Preparations for War with all imaginable Vigour.

The Reaſons given by his Catholick Majeſty for publiſhing the Prohibitions mentioned in our former are, That the Manufactures of Silks and Stuffs in Valencia, Granada, Toledo and Saragoſſa, and the Scarlets and other Cloths, in Segovia, Guadalaxara, and other Places, are ſo much improved, that ſufficient Quantities may be made for the Service of the Kingdom of Spain; and therefore his Catholick Majeſty orders, That after ſix Months from the Publication of the Decree, viz. the 10th of November N. S. All his Subjects do wear Stuffs or Cloths made in Spain and no other; and further declares, That after the Expiration of that Term, he will wear nothing but the Spaniſh Manufactures by Way of Example.

Mean-time ſome of our Tradeſmen who have been in Spain, and pretend to know the State of their Manufactures, affirm, that they are not capable of making ſufficient Quantities, nor to work upon ſo many Sorts as are made in England; and the Materials being ſo expenſive, renders them uncapable of manufacturing Silk-Stuffs, Cloths, &c. ſo cheap as our Engliſh Goods imported into Spain.

Bedford, Nov 23. Yeſterday the Journeymen-Weavers roſe in great Numbers, and forced themſelves into the Houſes of ſeveral Cloathiers and Maſter Weavers, breaking their Looms in Pieces before their Doors, and forced them to promiſe all they demanded. They threw Stones with ſuch Violence into the Houſe of Mr. Methven a Cloathier, that he and his Family narrowly eſcaped with their Lives. They then proceeded to Meltham to do the like there, pretending they would be joined by 3000 from Froom, and that they would afterwards viſit Weſt-Bourg, Stock, and other Places.

P. S. They are now committing the like Outrages at Meltham, where the High Sheriff is come to read the Proclamation, and has deſired the Aſſiſtance of ſome Juſtices of the Peace.

There are Letters from the County of Tipperary in Ireland, adviſing that Loftus Gree, and --- Margragh Eſqrs. lately fought a Duel in which the former was killed.

We hear Sir John Jennings is coming to reſide at his Houſe in the Admiralty-Office; and 'tis thought an Enquiry will be made after the Authors of the Reports lately ſpread about the Town,

Digby Dent is appointed to Command the Lenox Man of War ordered for the Weſt Indies.

'Tis ſtill ſaid that his Catholick Majeſty will ſend the late Duke of Ormond Ambaſſador Extraordinary to the Czarina. They make no Mention of the Duke of Wharton. Six Months Pay is ordered for the Baltick Squadron.

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The Subjects of Sweden are forbid to hold any Correſpondence with Foreign Courts relating to Affairs tranſacted in the Diet.

From the St. James's Evening-Poſt, Nov. 26.

Peterſburg, Nov. 9. The Officers go on with enliſting of Soldiers for four new Regiments of 3000 Men each, without including the Officers. According to their Patent, they muſt be completed by the Beginning of April, and be by the End of that Month in the Neighbourhood of Riga, where the general Rendezvous is appointed for the Troops in in thoſe Parts, as alſo thoſe who were laſt Summer on board the Men of War and Galleys.

London, Nov. 26. A Carpenter belonging to one of his Majeſty's Ships of War at Deptford, having uttered ſome ſeditious Words againſt the Government, he is ſent for to Town in Cuſtody.

¶¶§ The DIRECTORS of the BANK of SCOTLAND having certain Knowledge, that ſome wicked and malicious Perſon or Perſons have been and are endeavouring to Counterfeit the Company's Twenty-ſhilling Notes, and to impoſe them upon innocent and honeſt Perſons: Theſe are therefore to deſire all Perſons to whom any Twenty-ſhilling Notes ſhall be preſented, to look if the Words *BANK OF SCOTLAND* be in the Paper in it's proper Place, *above* the Treaſurer's Subſcription; but in caſe they obſerve the ſaid Words be ſtampt on the *Back ſide* of the Note, and not to have been done originally with the Paper itſelf, they are not to receive the ſame, but to take ſpecial Notice and Knowledge of the Perſon who offers ſuch Note, and to diſcover the ſame to the Treaſurer of the Bank. And the DIRECTORS hereby faithfully promiſe to give a Reward of *One Hundred Pound Sterling* to any who ſhall diſcover and cauſe apprehend any Perſon guilty of or acceſſory to the ſaid Forgery, ſo as he may be brought to condign Puniſhment, and the Diſcoverer's Name ſhall be concealed. This by Order of the COURT OF DIRECTORS. Signed by me DAVID SPENCE Secretary.

§ All Perſons who have Claims upon the Repreſentatives of the deceaſt JAMES ABEL Taylor in Edinburgh, and GEORGE ABEL his Son, are deſired to give in the ſame, betwixt and the firſt Day of January next, to Alexander Chriſtie Writer in Edinburgh at his Houſe in Luckenbooths, over-againſt the Tolbooth, who will have Direction for giving them Satisfaction in relation to their Debts.

††† There is to be rouped by voluntary Roup, within the Houſe of Robert Brown Vintner in the Lawn Market of Edinburgh, upon Tueſday the 24th of January next, betwixt the Hours of three and four in the Afternoon, The Lands called the WESTER-BURNFOOT, on the Water of Ale, four Miles South of Selkirk, three Miles North of Hawick, holden formerly Feu of the Biſhops, now of the Crown, and pays of yearly Rent 600 Merks, conform to former Tacks, as the Tacks and Inventary of the Progreſs of Writs may be ſeen in the Hands of William Elliot Writer in Edinburgh; has good Moſſes, Marle and Quarries, and is of valued Rent 200 L. Scots yearly, and ſufficient new built Dwelling Houſes for the Tennents.

¶¶¶ There is to be expoſed to voluntar Roup and Sale, on Thurſday the 15th of December 1726, in the Houſe of Patrick Herdman Vintner, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 4 after Noon, the Town and Lands of CRAIGLOCKHART, Tower, Fortalice, Mannor-place, Houſes, Biggings, Yards and Pertinents thereto belonging; being a good fertile Soil, pleaſantly ſituate, having large Conveniency for Paſturage on the Hills belonging thereto; with the Houſes and Stone-Quarrey pertaining to the ſame in Sclateford. There is a large handſome Houſe two Stores high, lately built on the ſaid Lands, poſſeſſed by the Tenant, beſides ſeveral other Conveniencies; ſuch as a Brewary poſſeſſed by a Sub-tenant, a convenient Seat in the Church, and the like; lying about two Miles Weſt from Edinburgh, in the Sheriffdom thereof, Pariſh of Hails, alias Colington. The Lands hold Blanche of the Crown. The Rental, Conditions of Roup, and Rights, are to be ſeen in the Hands of *Thomas Johnſton* Writer in Edinburgh, in Mr. Aliſon of Birkhill's Writing chamber in Carrubber's Cloſe, on the North ſide of the Street, above the Biſhop's Land.

† That upon Monday the Nineteenth of December Inſt. the GRASS of the Parks and Wood of Kinneel will be ſet by publick Roup for a Year, from and after Candlemaſs next, within the Tolbooth of Borroſtounneſs. The Articles and Conditions of Roup will be ſeen at the Clerk his Chamber in Borrouſtounneſs.

†*† That upon Monday the 12th December, Inſt. betwixt two and three aclock after Noon, the eight Part of the Roperie in the the Links of Leith, as alſo two thirds of the Water Saw-mill above the Bridge of Leith and Inſtruments, are to be ſold by Way of Roup, in the Houſe of George Miln Vintner in Leith, or the ſaid Saw-mill is to be ſet for one, two or three Years. The Inventaries and Articles of Roup are to be ſeen in the Hands of Matthew Brown, one of the Depute Clerks of Seſſion at Dalrymple's Office, within the Head of Wariſton's Cloſe, or at the ſaid Roperie in the Hands of the Clerk thereof.

¶*¶ This is to give Notice to all who have Mines of any Kind, that there's one Mr. NOORTHOUCK, of Middleburg in Zealand, who is a perfect Maſter of the Art of ſmelting and ſeparating of Metals, and is willing to ſmelt any Samples of Ore that ſhall be ſent to him at his own Expences, and either buy whatever Quantity of any Kind of Ore they have, according to the value which he finds it to be of, or to ſmelt the whole for them upon more eaſy Terms than any other can. A particular Account of him is to be got at John's or Exchange Coffee-houſe.

¶ That on the 22d Day of December Inſt. betwixt the Hours of two and four in the Afternoon, in the Houſe of Mris. Don Vintner in Edinburgh, there is to be ſold by publick voluntary Roup, the Lands of Laghall, Netherton, Boigs, Prieſtlands, Redbrae, Woodhead and Miln Armannoch and Marchromne, with a Salmond Fiſhing on the Water of Nith, paying 107 L. 6 ſh. 8 d. Sterl. of Yearly free Rent, beſide Kains and Caſualities, holden of the Crown Taxtward, lying within a Mile or thereby of the Burgh of Dumfries, the greateſt Part thereof betwixt the Waters of Nith and Crirgin, in the Pariſh of Troquire and Stewartry of Kircudbright. The Progreſs of the Writs with the Rental and Conditions of Sale, to be ſeen in the Hands of Thomas Goldie Writer to the Signet at his Writing Chamber in Edinburgh.

¶ To be ſold at John Bell's Cooper in Leith, good *SCOTS BUSH HERRINGS*, at fifteen *Pound Scots* the whole Barrel, eight *Pound* the Half Barrel, and four *Pound* the Firken.